

Stonesfield Parish Council

Meeting held at Stonesfield Village Hall on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7.00pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.00

Councillors Present –Cllr David Brown (Vice Chair), Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cll David Baldwin, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), Cllr Andy Graham (OCC), Cllr Matthew Parkinson (WODC), Cllr Natalie Chapple (WODC), 3 members of the public (Paul Bates, Mr and Mrs Barrett)

To receive apologies for absence –Cllr Wendy Gould

No Declarations of interest.

21/366 Apologises for absence

Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Jim O'Brien

21/367 Declarations of interest: none

21/368 Public Participation

(21/368.01) – Stonesfield Community Trust (Community led housing trust) Report: Bill Oddy, one of the trustees for SCT circulated a financial report and update on current projects to Councillors.

21/369 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 5th May2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021 were confirmed with no corrections.

21/370 Update on progress from the minutes held on 5th May 2021

Face to face meetings have now commenced.

21/371 To receive reports from District or County Councillors

(21/371.01) Cllr Andy Graham is the new County Council representative for our area, for the next 4 years. Part of his remit is to promote smaller communities. There will be weekly bulletins from Cllr Graham. Cllr Graham has reached out to the new owner of the White Horse pub and is finding out what he needs to facilitate to assist with getting the pub reopened.

(21/371.02) Cllr N Chapple – Natalie is back on the uplands planning committee. 1st council meeting at District has taken place.

(21/371.03) Cllr Matthew Parkinson introduced himself as new District Councillor for our area.

21/372 Financial Matters

(21/372.01) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk's report (also listed below). These will be made via cheque payment.

Oxfordshire County Council Pensions	£ 310.63	102366	
Clerk paye	£ confidential	102367	

HMRC -PAYE	£ 313.11	102368	
Clive Parsons PAYE	£ confidential	102369	3 hours
clerk expenses - May 2021	£ 59.54	102370	home office May, stamps, envelopes, print
Vision ICT	£ 21.60	102371	clerk annual email hosting
Vision ICT	£ 172.80	102372	councillors annual email hosting

£Confidential relates to payroll figures – these figures are shared with councillors.

(21/372.02) Councillors acknowledged and accepted the finance report.

(21/372.03) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the grant request for Stonesfield Primary School for the sum of £1,000 (one thousand pounds). (This was approved 5 councillors to 1).

(21/372.04) Expenditure for the new dog bin at The Ridings will be discussed at a further meeting as councillors wish to look at positioning of existing bins first. Deferred.

(21/372.05) It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure for works on the common up to the annual budget of £1,000 (each section of work costing under £500). The clerk will contact Blenheim to see if they can help move the willow from the river and cut back the willows.

Following the floods in the winter a large section of the fence has been damaged (wire and posts etc.).

(21/372.06) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bus shelter repair works (Laughton Hill bus shelter) up to the value of £400. The clerk will book a structural engineer to inspect it as we are unsure if it is safe.

(21/372.07) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement and the figures in the Annual Return to 31st March 2021.

(21/372.08) The internal auditor report for the year ending 31st March 2021 was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to be approved by councillors.

21/373 Planning Applications

(21/373.01) There was no objection to application 21/01897/S73 (Spring Villa Churchfields)

(21/373.02) There was no objection to application R3.0074/21 – Oxfordshire County Council, modular building retention (temporary) at Stonesfield School. (The clerk will note that the temporary cabins have been there sometime) Cllr Parkinson will take this forward to District level to see if there is any S106 monies available to support a build of the classroom.

21/374 SAFER Working Group

(21/132/01) Councillors received the SAFER working group report from Cllr M Heduan.

(21/132.02) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the 20mph speed restriction in the village (unanimous).

(21/132/03) It was **RESOLVED** to approve additional SAFER expenditure of £1,057 towards this scheme. (This is spending on top of the £1,000 budget already approved by SAFER when budget setting).

Traffic order costs circa £3k / Signage costs are covered by Oxford County Council (Highways)

We are grateful to Cllr A Graham who granted £1,250 through his Councillor Priority fund which topped up the cost of this project and enabled us to proceed with this.

The clerk, Cllr Brown & Cllr McArdell reminded councillors that we must spend within the budget.

21/375 Stonesfields Big Lunch at the Playing Fields

(21/133/01) The Eden project ran a national big lunch; Combe and Stonesfield would like to do this on 3rd July 2021. The clerk will circulate info.

21/376 Reports

(21/376/01) Chairman's report: None

(21/376.02) Councillors reports:

Cllr S Powell is meeting Genny & Tony re bench placement, Grass cutting on Woodstock Road and Well lane needs to be improved (the clerk will raise this with WODC).

Cllr Brown: Online banking in progress.

Cllr G Lawrence and Cllr P McArdell will keep checks on the defibrillator.

(21/376.03) Questions arising from the clerk's report: The grass cutting was queried – the clerk advised that WODC have been reminded and the grass cutting map has been checked. The clerk will continue to push for this to take place soon. Gigaclear are impacting the schedule due to access.

21/377 Items for information of next Agenda only

(21/377/01) Empire Homes donation, climate emergency should go on the next agenda.

21/378 Date of the next full council meeting

(21/378/01) The date of the next full council meeting is 7th July. Agenda items to be submitted to the clerk no later than 28th June 2021.

Meeting ends 20:18